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November 15 Marks America Recycles Day

The third annual national America Recycles Day (ARD) is Monday, November 15, 1999. The theme of this year's event is "For Our Children's Future...Buy Recycled Today." The goal of ARD is to build consumer demand for recycled products and to educate all Americans about the benefits of recycling. The organizers want to make consumers aware of the importance of "Buying Recycled." For more information on ARD, visit the national America Recycles Day web site at www.americarecyclesday.org.

Entries are now being taken for a drawing with prizes at the national, regional and local levels. Participating is easy: County students will be receiving entry forms in

school, and forms are also available at all upcoming Division of Solid Waste Services events. Nationally, adults can win the American Green Dream House, made largely from recycled-content materials. Kids have a shot at winning remanufactured computers for donation to a school of their choice, and a computer for the winner's own use or a trip for 4 to the Walt Disney World Resorts. Regionally, two students will win a bicycle. And, a lucky Montgomery County resident will win a mulching lawnmower.

Local governments in the Washington metropolitan area, including Montgomery County, will be promoting America Recycles Day at a number of special events. For de-

tails on the Montgomery County Recycling Center's Open House, see Page 4. Montgomery County will also be participating in the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' Recycle Right week, which begins on November 7, 1999.

Recycle Right week will award outstanding Montgomery County recyclers who meet or exceed the recycling requirements. To have an opportunity to win, all you need to do is to participate in recycling collection! Several residents of single-family and townhouses will be tapped as winners. In apartment and condominium communities, one prize will be awarded to a property/development with an outstanding recycling program, and another will go to an individual resident who is spotted while recycling. Similarly, businesses have two chances to be recognized, with one prize going to a business with a great recycling program, and a second one being given to an employee who recycles.

As noted above, promoting the purchase of recycled-content products is a primary goal of ARD. However, as Montgomery County strives to meet its 50% recycling

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Food: Waste or Resource?

The observance of Use Less Stuff Day on October 18, 1999, encourages us to remember that the "high waste" season is soon upon us. Between Thanksgiving and New Year's, Americans generate 1 million more tons of trash than in any other 5-week period. Particularly as we celebrate our bounty at Thanksgiving, Christine has reflected for us on the issue of food waste. — Ed.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture estimates that 96 billion pounds (or 48 million tons) of food are wasted each year. This waste ranges from produce unharvestable by farmers, market or distribution problems, and production overruns at canners to losses at wholesalers, restaurants, cafeterias, stores, and other retail establishments.

Lettuce with brown spots, malformed produce, crackers and cookies gone soft from humid conditions, bread items not eaten from a restaurant meal, outer layers of produce removed for cosmetic reasons, meal moth contamination of food in one's pantry, and produce past its prime... These are all examples of food that is often wasted, but whose loss could be salvaged or prevented. Even Mother Nature plays a role in wasting food. For instance, the harvest might be better than expected at a time when farm labor is not readily available. Or, the produce might be very large and, therefore, less easily marketable because of produce standards and consumers' expectations.

Aside from the philosophical problem of food waste that could be avoided or which could feed needy people, food also becomes waste in the second sense of the word. Food waste ends up in garbage disposals, trash bins, trucks, landfills, and incinerators. Here, it

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News Brief



How do I arrange a scrap metal collection? Will the Thanksgiving holiday shift my recycling day? These answers, a search engine, and more are available on the recently updated Division of Solid Waste Services Website. Go to www.dpwt.com, and then select "Solid Waste Services." The Website will continue to be a work in progress. So if you have suggestions for improvements, let us know! Additions to come include data from Solid Waste facilities and literature as PDF files, including *The Recycler*.



To extend County recycling and solid waste information even further into the community, the MR/C Volunteer Program maintains a special *Recycler* mailing list for community managers, homeowners associations, and community groups with newsletters. Each issue to this group includes an insert featuring short items written so that editors can simply excerpt pieces for their own publications.

Among the homeowners associations taking advantage of this service are the Churchill Village South and the Waters Landing Association, both in Germantown. The League of Women Voters is another organization that includes recycling news and reminders in its monthly newsletters, bringing those messages to a readership of over 600 people.

Do you know of an organization that should be receiving our *Recyclers* with "editors inserts"? Please contact Claire in the MR/C Volunteer Program Office at 301-840-2852.



School Recycling Update: The September/October *Recycler* reported that the Montgomery County Public School (MCPS) Board was to approve a contract for recycling service in the schools back in August. This contract was indeed approved, and the schools are scheduled to restart their recycling program on November 1, 1999. The MCPS Recycling Coordinator is Mr. Randy Weddle, who can be reached at 301-840-4536 (fax: 301-840-5320). School recycling assistance is also provided by Eleanor Walker, who is with the Division of Solid Waste Services' Business Recycling Program, at 240-777-6400.

Mission Statement

The Montgomery County Master Recycler/Composter Volunteer Program, a part of the Department of Public Works and Transportation, Division of Solid Waste Services, encourages environmental stewardship through its public outreach on waste prevention, reuse and recycling. Volunteers provide County residents with practical solutions to their waste-related concerns. In educating themselves and others, MR/C volunteers stimulate thoughtful and effective action towards sound environmental practices which protect our shared environment and help the County achieve its goal of 50% recycling by the year 2000.

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A Note to You



I would like to start off with "hello" to all of you. I have been employed with the Division of Solid Waste Services for the past 9½ years as the Customer Service Supervisor for Recycling and Trash. Our Division appreciates all the hard work and dedication of the MR/C Volunteers. This program is very important to us, and it will be a pleasure to work with everyone. I realize that I have a tough act to follow behind Susanne and only hope that you all will bear with me while I am the Acting Manager of the MR/C Volunteer Program.

My main goal while I am here is to push for 50-percent recycling by 2000. We know this can happen with all of our commitments to recycling.

Please check your calendars for Thursday, November 18, 1999. In honor of Use Less Stuff Day and because of the different things that will be happening in the upcoming year 2000, I have scheduled both a morning (10 a.m.) and an evening (7 p.m.) meeting to be held at the new MR/C Volunteer Program Office. This will give me an opportunity to chat with those of you whom I have not met yet. Also, please feel free to bring a friend, a family member, or a neighbor with you. The address is 16101 Frederick Road, Derwood, MD (the Transfer Station). Please let us know if you are coming by contacting us at 301-840-2852. I am looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible on November 18.

Also, feel free to contact me before or after that date with ideas, suggestions, concerns, etc. Anyone interested in taking the comprehensive volunteer training sessions? These sessions will begin February 3, 2000. This will also make a nice refresher course for veteran volunteers. To sign up, just contact the MR/C Volunteer Program Office.

We've Moved!

The MR/C Volunteer Program office and the Recycling Hotline moved in early October. The office is now located on the second floor of the Montgomery County Solid Waste Transfer Station. When you enter the Transfer Station from Route 355, take an immediate left on the driveway that leads in front of the Transfer Station building. This driveway ends in a parking lot. From that lot, enter the building and head up the stairs straight ahead of you. You'll see us at the top!

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Food Waste, Continued

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becomes food sources for scavenging animals, flies, odor-causing bacteria and fungi.

This situation is nothing new, of course. Humans (and animals!) have always created some food waste. In the past, and still to some extent even now, salvageable food was picked up by farmers. After having been boiled to kill bacteria, it was used as animal feed for hogs and chickens. Other "salvage operations" have included taking a bruised spot on an otherwise good apple and drying it or using it for making apple cider. Stores saved the ends of cold cuts and cheeses for the next day's ham and cheese spreads.

But as our population has grown and

farmers have become further removed from the cities' food waste, municipalities' burden of food waste has increased. Farmers, prisons, schools and other institutions have started composting operations to handle the waste that cannot be salvaged. In composting, food waste -- with its high nitrogen content -- is an especially useful material to add to material high in carbon, such as leaves. A prison in Massachusetts uses its labor source to salvage food in another way; workers open post-dated, but otherwise safe cans of food to feed to their prison farm livestock.

Food banks have sprung up in cities to feed poor people while collecting still-usable food from banquets, stores and production overruns. Fear of liability has prevented more from being donated. But, federal law gives citizens and groups protection from liability if the food is donated in good faith and without intentional misconduct. Transportation and distribution are always a concern. These "secondary harvest" food banks rely on donations of money and equipment to pick up and distribute the food they receive.

As with many endeavors, contamina-

tion is a concern. Produce handlers must take care to exclude all trash from spent produce that will become animal fodder. Unfortunately, some of these "reuse" programs were terminated because of the unacceptable trash levels. Trash is also a concern for composters who need to make a quality compost that customers are willing to buy. Even with careful inspection, "trash" sometimes comes from unexpected sources. To one large composter's surprise, the brand stickers on bananas did not compost at all!

Last but not least, fats and grease present a special way to reuse and recycle. Rendering companies pick up used oils and fats from restaurants and fast-food establishments to convert into products such as animal food and soap.

Here's a tip that's a little closer to home: those green tomatoes from your garden probably won't turn red. Slice them up, coat the slices with egg and bread crumbs made from old bread ends, and roast them with some oil. Or, for an even simpler solution, cut the tomatoes up and add them to that leftover pickle juice to make pickled tomatoes.

— Christine Feintheil,
MR/C Program Assistant

Recycling Center Open House

To help celebrate America Recycles Day, our County Recycling Center will have an Open House on Sunday, November 14, 1999, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Though the Center is busy with its almost daily weekday tours, this is a rare weekend opportunity to take a look inside. Visitors will have the opportunity to learn about recycling, reducing waste, buying recycled products, and composting, and to see the Center's machinery. Tunes provided by the Dixieland Trio and giveaway items should make this a fun day for all. Refreshments will be available.

Last year's Open House was a huge success, attracting over 1,100 people. Things ran smoothly with the help of many volunteers. Volunteer "parking attendants," tour guides, blue bin "giver-outers," compost bin sellers, Digger-the-Worm wearers and escorts, information desk staffers, and others are needed. Lunch will be provided to all volunteers. There are jobs for volunteers of all ages, for groups and individuals, for early-risers as well as for those who wish to sleep a little longer. Tours-of-duty are available between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. To sign up, call the Master Recycler/Composter Volunteer Program Office at 301-840-2852.

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goal, it is interesting to revisit the question of why — the recycling goal aside — one should recycle. Commonly offered reasons include those of conserving energy and natural resources by using recovered materials to create new products. Indeed, these points continue to hold true. For example, recycling one ton of paper lowers energy consumption by 43%, and saves some trees in the process.

However, a U.S. EPA booklet explores other benefits of recycling through several avenues. One is by reframing some facts, essentially concluding that "the sum is greater than the whole." Given that using recycled material requires less energy (from burning fossil fuels), reduces landfill and incinerator emissions (which contain methane) since less is disposed in those facilities, and (in the case of paper) slows the rate of tree harvests, the result is less generation of greenhouse gases. The reduced tree har-

vesting is useful because of the carbon sink — and thus, storage — they provide as they take in carbon dioxide.

Another analysis compared the environmental impact of recycled-content and virgin-content products over their lifecycle. The conclusion here was that the recycled-content products contributed less to solid waste, air pollution, water pollution and impaired water quality.

Biodiversity is another environmental issue supported by recycling. By needing fewer virgin materials — be they minerals, metals, petroleum, timber, etc. — less land, which is home to countless types of plants and animals, must be disturbed. Preserving the natural ecosystems helps to keep more of those species from disappearing.

Sources: www.mwcog.org/dep/ard.html; www.americarecyclesday.org; "Puzzled About Recycling's Value? Look Beyond the Bin," U.S. EPA

Hotline Happenings



The big news at the Recycling Hotline is, of course, its new location! After 8 years at the Agricultural History Farm Park, the phones are now located at the Transfer Station. We say a big "Thank you!" to you Hotline volunteers for your patience during the move. If moving itself weren't stressful enough, the phones were unexplainedly out-of-service during the final days in Derwood. Hotline volunteers and MR/C staff were in steady contact, assessing the situation and figuring out how to proceed.

Then, the new site threw Hotliners a curve in that the phone system there is quite different from the ones the Hotline has had in

the past. (However, a bonus of the new location is the window overlooking the Transfer Station's tipping floor. Between calls, volunteers can peek out and watch the steady stream of trucks unloading material for disposal.) Everyone has risen ably to the challenge—the phones are back in full operation, and activity there is in full swing.

Among the calls that the Hotline is receiving are ones for telephone book recycling. The increase in this call category is always a sure sign that fall has arrived, and Hotliners always know when a given area has received its new books! To figure out where to take your books, check the listing on page 6 in this issue. Household Hazardous Waste Collection calls also continue coming in high numbers. Residents seem to be hard at work on their homes and yards, generating materials for special disposal.

Thank You, Volunteers!

The MR/C Volunteer Program appreciates the many hours of help it receives. September and October activities included these activities:

Household Hazardous Waste Collections continued to serve a steady stream of customers. Easing their way through the drop-off line, surveying participants, and handing out recycling information were: **Georgene Ammon, Heather Harwood, Eleanor Jones, Ruth Lampi, Zhidong Li, Bob Mabie, Amy McBride, Ron Milberg, Keith Morrison, Jim Ries, Martin Shetty, Alyssa Singleton, Bob Stearns, Denise Suthard, Phil Tacka, Susanne and Don Wiggins and Barbara Zellers.**

September marked the final round of user surveys for the Transfer Station's Public Unloading Area. The information collected with the help of **Bob Mabie** has already proven to be very instructive.

Phil Browne led a workshop outlining the finer points of home composting at the Audubon Naturalist Society.

With our blue bin giveaways, our fair and festival booths were very popular stops. Visitors to Olde Towne Gaithersburg Day were helped by **Gloria and Dale Boyd, Nancy Burkhardt, and Jane Oosterhuis.** **Jim Welch** worked at the Hispanic Festival booth. Visitors to the Harvest Festival at the Agricultural History Farm Park enjoyed our worm craft and the Recyclemobile, thanks to **Phil Browne, Genia Isbell and Diane**

Krauthamer. **Steve Baughman** put in an impromptu stint as Digger the Worm, and even had Digger doing the Macarena! The Germantown Oktoberfest was staffed by **Paul Bitely** and **Barbara Knapp.** The Recyclemobile was accompanied by **Heidi Johnson** at Garrett Park's Attic in the Street event. Other outreach events included the Poolesville Day Parade and Celebration, the Conservation Day held by the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter of the Izaak Walton League, a Germantown homeowners' association block party, and the Latino Festival at Wheaton Plaza.

Jean Flower and **Kenneth Angell** dispensed recycling information, bins, and their enthusiasm at the telephone book recycling collection held for the Edgemoor Citizens Association in Bethesda on Community Service Day. Thanks also to ECA President **Alysa Emden** for helping to make that collection possible!

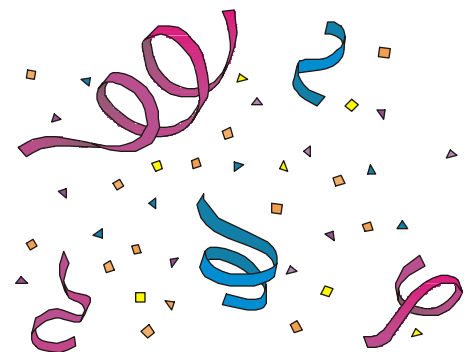
As another Community Service Day activity, teammates **Lucretia Anderson, Lang Logan, Raquel Potter, Celita Rene, and Jerry Schultz,** all from the Rockville Fresh Fields Whole Foods Market, worked on the Compost Demonstration Garden at the Lathrop E. Smith Environmental Education Center. They rebuilt a compost bin, refilled existing ones, mulched, and prepared planting areas! Thanks to **Syma Lapides,** Community Affairs Representative, for helping to coordinate this fine effort.

Chuck Beranek provided a tour of our Recycling Center to a group of Japanese visitors.

Calls to the Recycling Hotline were taken by **Chuck Beranek, Tony Cammarota, Dick Carr, Urte McNellis, Jane Oosterhuis, Roland Radloff, Carole Sippel, and Jim Welch.** These are also the brave souls who helped the MR/C Volunteer Program staff brave the move from the old office location to the new Transfer Station office.

Diane Reinke edited many of our newsletter articles, and **Mickey O'Bradovich** put together her first *Recycletter* layout with this issue.

With our apologies: we inadvertently left out **Donna Schneider** and MR/C volunteer **Jan Farhat's** Girl Scout troop, who helped us in August at the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair with our information booth and recycling effort.



Planning an Event?

We want Montgomery County residents and visitors to recycle at home, at work, at school and... at community events. If you are involved in planning an event or large gathering, or know of one that's coming up, give the MR/C Volunteer Program Office a call at 301-840-2852.

Seventy of the newer, "tall" residential blue bins have been outfitted with metal signs labeled for beverage can and bottle recycling. (By the way, those metal signs are recycled: they had former lives as Ride-On and other transit signs, and were destined for the scrap metal heap!). These are the same bins that saw such success at the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair. Recall that 3,200 pounds of recyclables were collected there—with minimal contamination from paper napkins, straws, cups and other trash. Since the Fair, the bins have been used with similarly low contamination levels at the Agricultural History Farm Park's Harvest Festival.

A supply of bins can be delivered to your event site, and then picked up again afterwards — just tell us when and where (and let us check the calendar to make sure that there are no date conflicts). Rally a small troop of "bin volunteers" to monitor the bins throughout the day, and you're all set to help Montgomery County recycle as much as possible!



Susanne with the recyclables collected at the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair.

Telephone Book Recycling

LIMITED TIME DROP-OFF SITES

These local sites operate through January 7, 2000. Please make sure that books to be recycled are dry and free of plastic wrapping or bags. Do not mix in any other kind of paper.

Bethesda— Little Falls Mall
Sangamore Road
Daily: 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Chevy Chase—
Chevy Chase Public Library
8005 Connecticut Ave
Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday:
10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, Friday, and Saturday:
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Damascus— Safeway in the Damascus Shopping Center
9815 Main Street
Monday-Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Germantown— behind the Seven-Eleven in the Sugarloaf Shopping Center
13069 Wisteria Drive
Monday-Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Poolesville— Poolesville High School
17501 Willard Road
Daily: 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Potomac— Potomac Community Center
11315 Falls Road
Daily except Friday and Sunday:
9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Sunday: Noon to 6:00 p.m.

ONE DAY AND SHORT TERM SITES

Aspen Hill/Rockville
Saturday, December 4, 1999
Church of Christ at Manor Woods
5300 Norbeck Road
(between Bauer Drive and Nadine Road)
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Bethesda— Burning Tree Elementary School
7900 Beechtree Road (near River Road)
During month of November 1999 only!
7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on school days

(Thanks to Jane Meleney Coe, who operates this collection point as a volunteer.)

Cloverly/Briggs Chaney

Saturday, November 13, 1999—

This event coincides with the Household Hazardous Waste collection that day. Note that the collection time for phone books is longer than that for the HHW!

Briggs Chaney Park and Ride Lot
At the intersection of Briggs Chaney Road and Gateshead Manor
Phone Books: 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
HHW: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

YEAR-ROUND COLLECTION SITES

College Park— Univ. of MD Recycling Ctr.
Lot 4A on Paint Branch Drive
(Near the intersection of Mezerott Rd. and University Blvd.)
24 hour drop off

Derwood— Montgomery County Transfer Station/Recycling Center
16101 Frederick Rd (Route 355 at Shady Grove Road— enter from Route 355)
Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturday: 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Gaithersburg— Office Paper Systems
7650 Airpark Road
24 hour drop off

Silver Spring

— Southeast Recycling Corporation
9001 Brookville Rd
Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturday: 8:00 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Please call Southeast at 301-589-4002 at least one hour before delivery if you are bringing more than 75 phone books at one time.

A total of 101 phone books were collected in early October by Cub Scout Pack 1429, Den One, of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Montgomery Village. Thanks to Scouts **Dale Corbett**, **Steven Ford**, **Daniel Loesevitz**, and **Joshua Smith**, as well as **Kimberly Smith**, their Den Leader, and **Christa Loesevitz**, their Assistant Den Leader. We appreciate your hard work (and know how heavy those books must have been to move around)!

Recycling References

MONTGOMERY COUNTY SOLID WASTE TRANSFER STATION

16101 Frederick Rd., Derwood 301-840-2370
(Route 355 & Shady Grove Rd.)

PUBLIC UNLOADING FACILITY

Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m.;
Saturday, 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Truck Hours, Monday - Saturday, 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
(Use Shady Grove Truck Entrance if you are dropping off
materials in a truck.)

*Accepts mixed glass bottles and jars, cans, and all plastic bottles with
necks, newspapers, antifreeze, waste oil, auto batteries, tires, magazines,
catalogs and yard trim.*

DON'T DUMP, DONATE!

Wednesdays, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
(Use Shady Grove Truck Entrance.)

*Accepts unused or used building materials in usable condition, such as:
lumber, cinderblocks, wood, lights, flooring, plumbing fixtures, cabinets,
toilets, tubs, doors - everything, including the kitchen sink.*

CLOTHING & TEXTILE RECYCLING

At Public Unloading Facility
*Accepts clothes, drapes, shoes, towels, sheets, belts, handbags, and mate-
rial larger than 15" x 15" in area. Clothing & textiles must be clean, dry
and in plastic bags.*

MATRESSCYCLE

At Public Unloading Facility
Accepts mattresses and box springs.

The Salvation Army also recycles mattresses at the following locations
every Saturday from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

LITTLE FALLS MALL, Sangamore Rd. and Sentinel Dr., Bethesda
GERMANTOWN COMMONS PLAZA, Middlebrook Rd. off of
Route 118, Germantown

CABIN JOHN MALL, Tuckerman Ln. and Seven Locks Rd.,
Bethesda

LARGE APPLIANCE RECYCLING

Monday - Saturday, 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Use Shady Grove Truck En-
trance); Monday - Friday, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. (Use public entrance off
Route 355); Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Use public entrance off Route
355)

*Accepts refrigerators, freezers, hot water heaters, window air conditioning
units and dehumidifiers.*

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

All sites operate from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 7. Shady Grove Transfer Station.

Saturday, Nov. 13. Briggs Chaney Park & Ride Lot.

Sunday December 5. Shady Grove Transfer Station.

Collections will resume in March 2000.

*Accepts insecticides, pesticides, fertilizers, paint thinners and solvents,
pool chemicals, fuels, oil, photographic chemicals, oil-based paints,
button and rechargeable batteries, fluorescent bulbs (limit of 12 bulbs).*

FURNITURE

The Housing Opportunities Commission will pick up any reusable furni-
ture
item in good condition, such as tables, chairs, sofas, beds, mattresses,
and box springs. To arrange for pick up, please call 301-495-0983.

SPECIAL DROP-OFFS

ROCKVILLE AREA

Montgomery Scrap Corporation 301-424-3000
15000 Southlawn Lane

*Buys back aluminum cans scrap metal, other metals, and accepts appli-
ances.*

Georgetown Paper Stock of Rockville 301-762-6990

14818 Southlawn Lane

Monday - Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

*Buys back white office paper and computer paper in 100 lb. loads (no
newspaper) and accepts corrugated cardboard.*

SILVER SPRING AREA

Southeast Recycling Corp. 301-589-4002
9001 Brookville Road

*Accepts newspapers, magazines and catalogs, telephone books,
corrugated cardboard and cereal boxes.*

Yeshiva of Greater Washington 301-649-7053

1216 Arcola Ave.

Thursdays, 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Accepts aluminum cans.

Takoma Park-Silver Spring Food Co-op 301-891-2667

201 Ethan Allen Avenue

*Accepts aseptic packaging, all types of plastic containers, and mixed pa-
per.*

GAITHERSBURG AREA

The City of Gaithersburg provides mixed paper and corrugated cardboard
recycling for its residents. Call the Public Works Department at 301-
258-6370 for more information.

Office Paper Systems 301-948-6301

7650 Airpark Road

Drop-off bin available 24 hours.

Accepts all types of paper ("any thing that tears").

WHITE OAK AREA

White Oak Boy Scout Troop 1086 301-622-1273

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, 11612 New Hampshire Avenue

Fourth Saturday of the month, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. *Accepts newspaper.*

COLLEGE PARK AREA

University of Maryland Recycling Center 301-314-8345

Lot 4A on Paint Branch Drive (near the intersection of Metzger Rd.
and University Blvd.)

*Accepts white, colored, office and computer paper, corrugated and
glossy cardboard, magazines, glass, aluminum cans, newspaper,
clothing, telephone books, scrap metal, and textbooks.*

DAMASCUS AREA

St. Paul's Catholic Church 301-253-2027

9240 Damascus Road, Open 24 hours

Accepts newspaper in bin behind church.

Damascus Safeway, Damascus Center 301-253-5195

1st and 3rd Saturday of the month, 8:00 a.m. - Noon

Accepts newspaper and magazines.

POOLESVILLE AREA

Highway Services Depot, Jerusalem Road 240-777-7623

Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Accepts used motor oil and antifreeze (up to 5 gallons of each).

Master Recycler/Computer Volunteer Program
16101 Frederick Road
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Bulk rate
U.S. Postage
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Rockville, MD
Permit No. 138

**MONTGOMERY
COUNTY
RECYCLES**



Return Service Requested

Calendar of Events

For more information about any of these opportunities, please contact the MR/C Volunteer Program Office at 301-840-2852 or mrc@windsor.com. Visit www.dpwt.com/SolWstSvcDiv/solid/Default.htm for the most current calendar.

RECYCLING CENTER OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, November 14, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Help Montgomery County celebrate America Recycles Day. See Details on Page 4. Volunteers are needed between 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to direct traffic/parking, to guide visitors through the Center, and to answer recycling questions. Student volunteers are welcome. Lunch will be provided!

VOLUNTEER MEETINGS

Thursday, November 18, 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. - Attend the one that best suits your schedule, and celebrate Use Less Stuff Day at the same time. See details on Page 3. Please let us know by November 16 if you plan to come. Learn about the Solid Waste Division's current projects and new directions, and discuss future projects for MR/C volunteers.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Saturday, December 4, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Telephone Book Recycling - Church of Christ at Manor Woods, 6300 Norbeck Road, Aspen Hill

Saturday, December 4. Silver Spring Holiday Parade. Help decorate our parade vehicles, and then ride along with Digger the Worm!

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTIONS

This activity is approved for Student Service Learning. Two shifts: 9:30 a.m. to Noon, and 11:45 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Each site operates from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. See dates on Page 7.

Collection volunteers direct traffic and ask a short survey. This is a wonderful group activity. Please help us spread the word, and consider signing up yourself!

PRESENTATIONS

Wed., Nov. 3. Papermaking Demonstration - 7:00-9:30 p.m. Greencastle Elementary School, Silver Spring - Science Night

Thu. & Fri., Nov. 11 & 12. Recycling talk at the Rockville High School

Mon., Nov. 22. Composting indoors with worms - Broad Acres Elementary School, Silver Spring

Tue., Nov. 23. Composting indoors with worms - Rockwood Elementary School, Damascus